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Age limit for students joining the school final class.

* 537 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state —

(*a*) whether there is a rule preventing everyone aged 23 years or more from either joining in the school to study for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination or from appearing for the examination privately;

(*b*) whether this rule affects a large number of young men; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any intention of taking any action to alter this rule?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) In view of what is said above, these need no answer.

Differentiation in the pay of Deputy Inspectors and School Assistants.

* 538 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a deputation of the officers of the Subordinate Educational Service headed by Mr. A. R. Gopala Ayyar waited on him at Tinnevelly on 1st July 1927;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the differentiation in the scale of salaries between the cadres of Deputy Inspectors and School Assistants had worked to the disadvantage of the latter;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a third of the number in the cadre of the Deputy Inspectors consists of under-graduates, while the officers in the School Assistants' cadre are all either B.A., L.Ts., or M.A., L.Ts.;

(*d*) whether he said he would consider the points raised sympathetically and see whether the bar at Rs. 100 could not be removed;

(*e*) whether he has taken any steps in the matter of equalising the scale of salaries of the cadre of School Assistants and that of Deputy Inspectors, by removing the bar at Rs. 100 in the case of School Assistants and raising the percentage of appointments in their selection cadre to 25 per cent; and

(*f*) whether, if the removal of the bar at Rs. 100 is under the consideration of the hon. the Minister, the Government would be pleased to give retrospective effect from 1st March 1921, the date on which the present scales of pay for the School Assistants and others came into effect?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The scales of pay sanctioned for Deputy Inspectors of Schools and School Assistants are shown below:—

Deputy Inspectors.	School Assistants.
Rupees 75—5—100—10—150 with a selection grade on Rs. 150—10—250 for 25 per cent of the cadre.	12 per cent on Rs 150—10—250. 40 per cent on Rs. 100—10—150. 48 per cent on Rs. 75—5—100.

The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*e*) of Question No. 295.